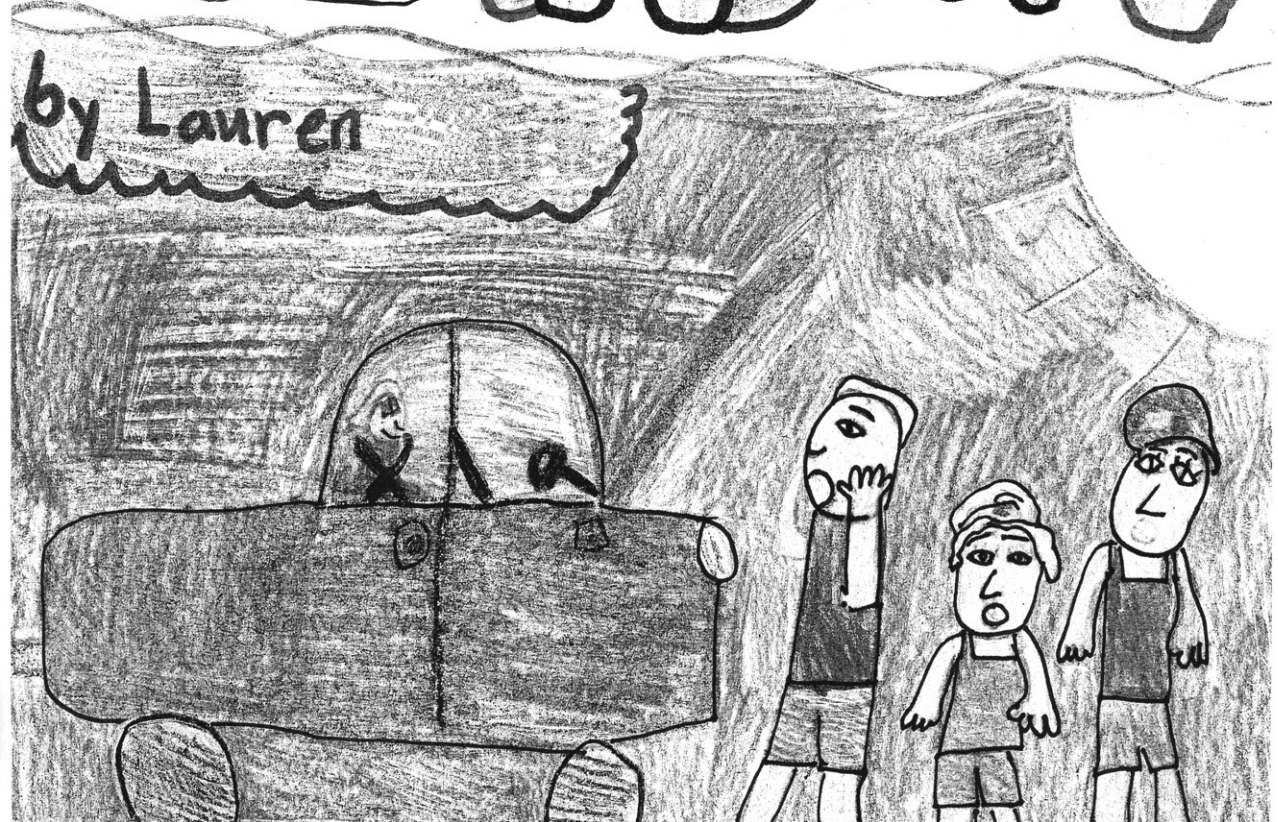
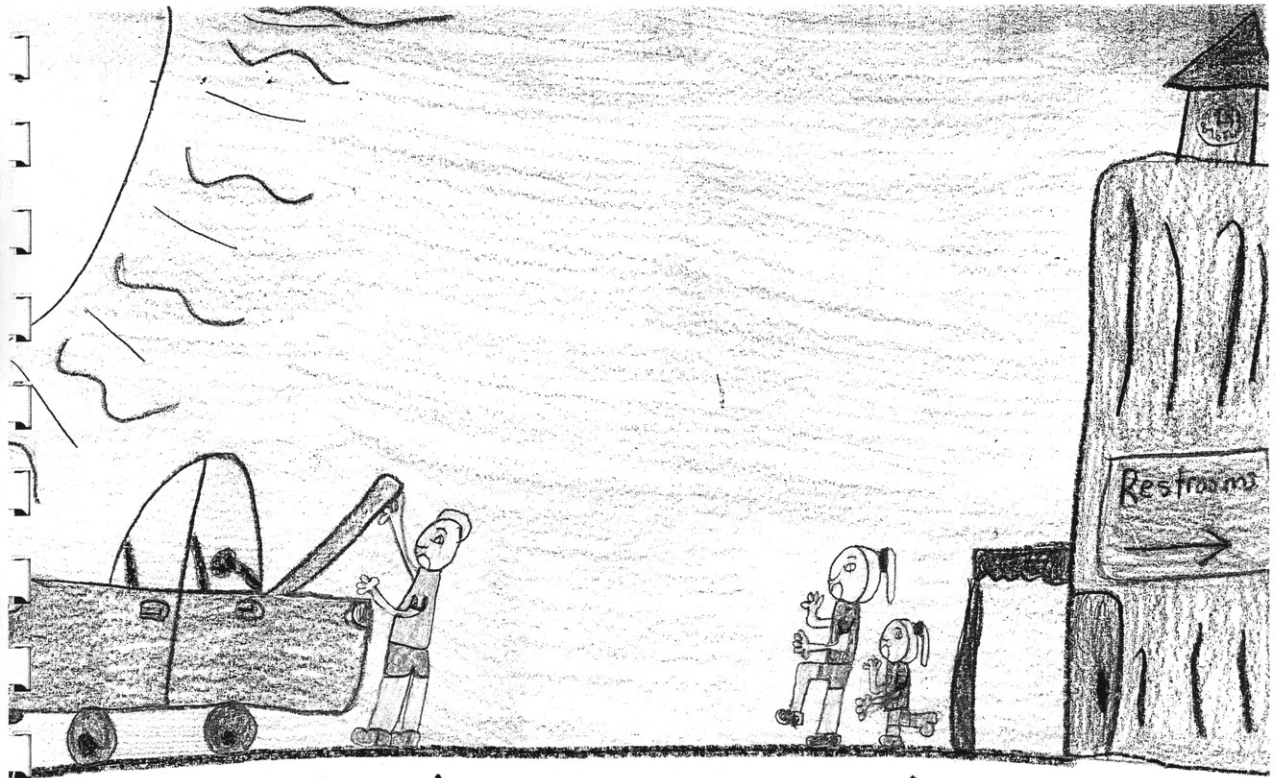


# THE BREAKDOWN





Last summer, my dad, my stepmom, my sister and I took a vacation to Florida. We had a wonderful time, but on the way home we had a disaster.

We were in the Carolinas with our car and camper. We stopped at a rest area and ate lunch. We had sandwiches. Then my stepmom and I went to the restroom. When we came back we saw the car hood up.

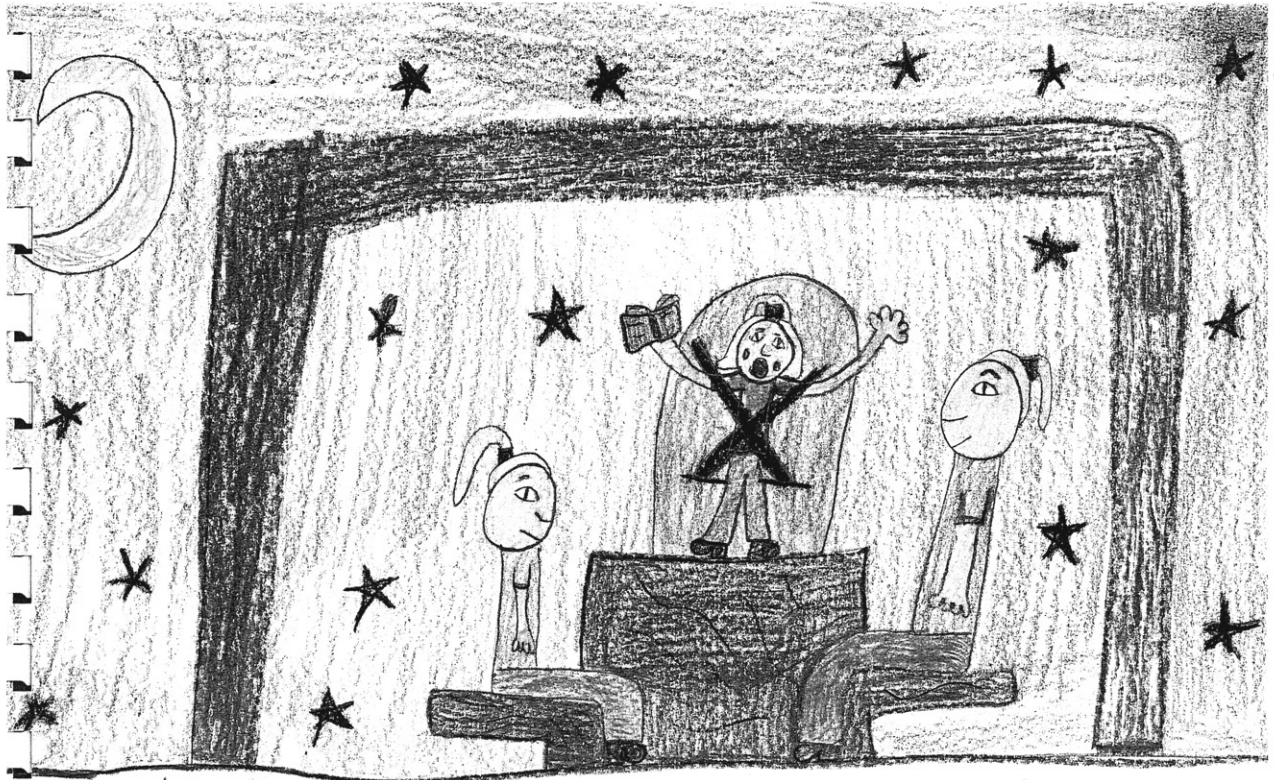
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We jogged over. We asked, "What happened?" My dad said "The car broke down."

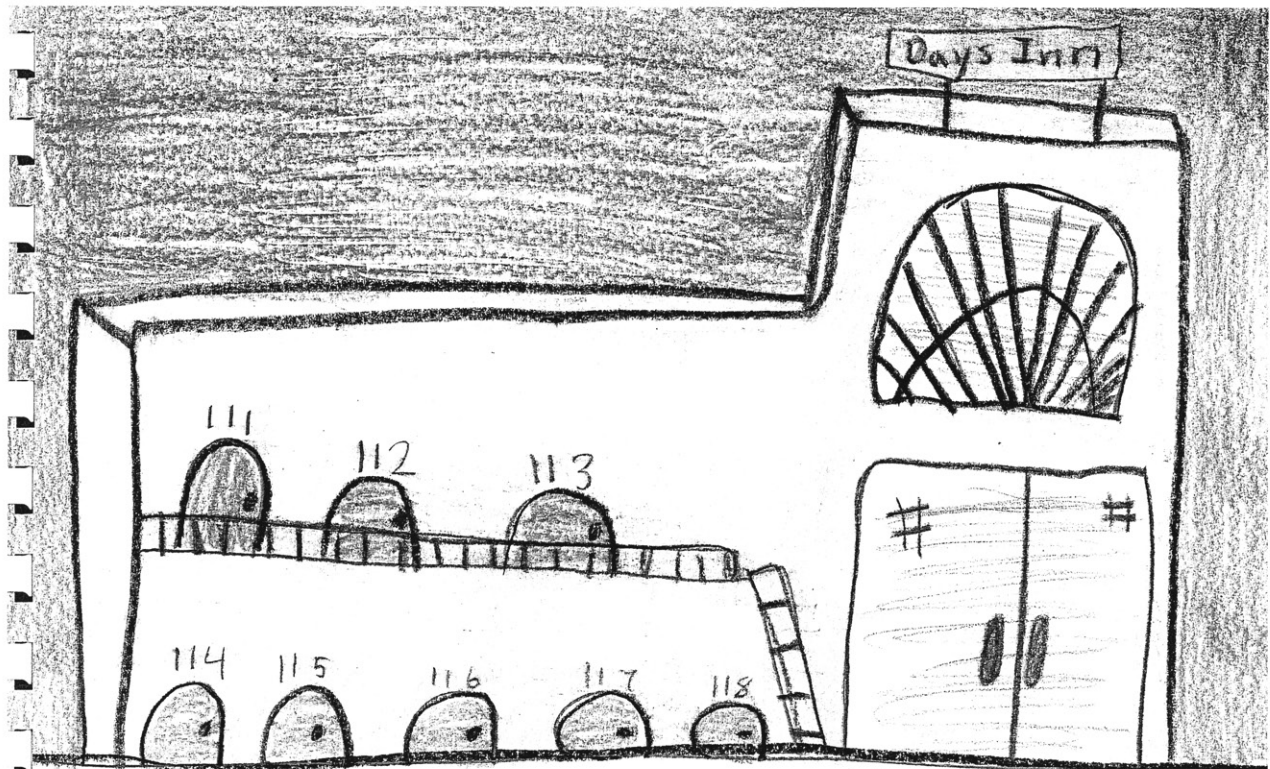
We were shocked. So dad saw a police car and went to see if the police man could help us. The police man looked at the car for about 10 to 20 minutes. After that he left.

Dad called a tow truck and a taxi. When the tow truck came, the tow truck guy hooked 2.



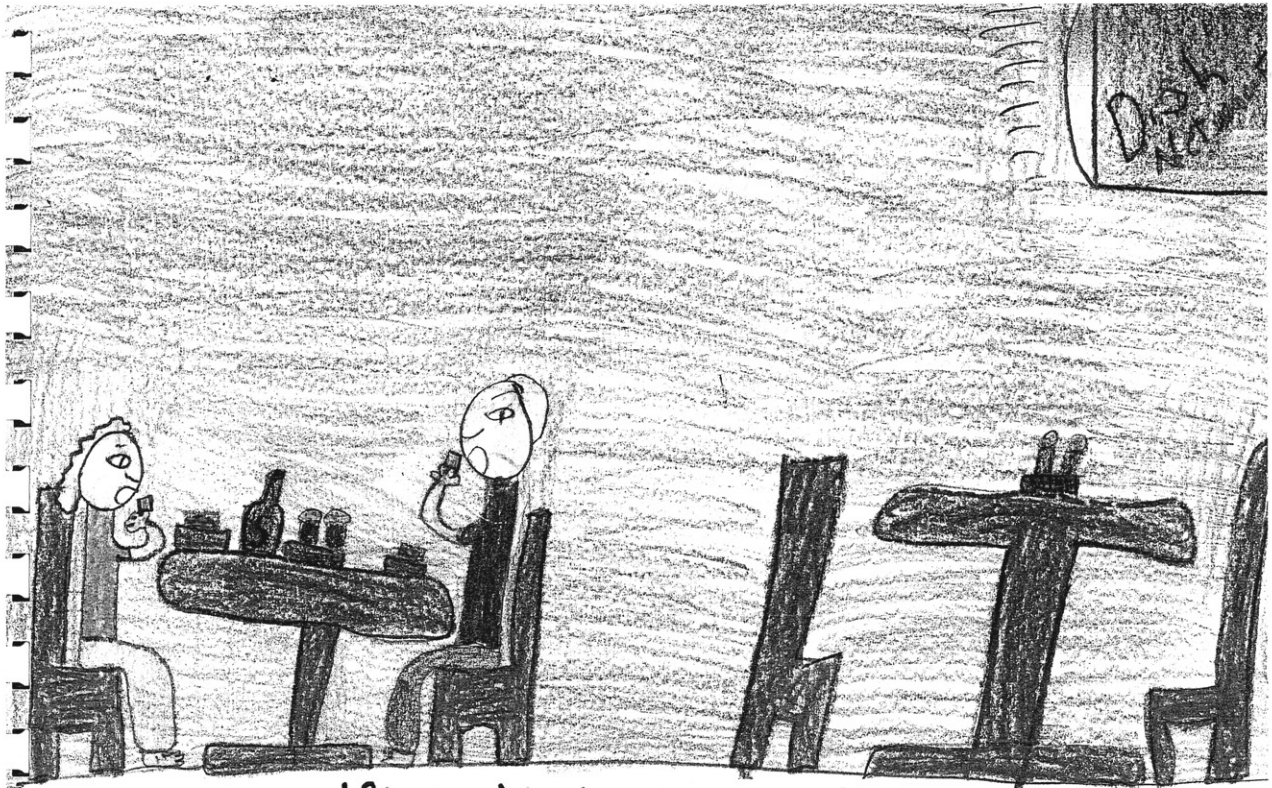
the camper and the car to his truck. When he was done, daddy and the tow truck guy had to leave. My stepmom was scared that daddy had to leave. He told us, "The taxi will be here in an hour." The taxi would bring us to the Days Inn hotel.

Daddy left and we waited and waited. It had been two hours!! We were getting nervous. My stepmom had tears in her eyes. 3.



I felt bad for her. Then finally the taxi came. He dropped us off at the Days Inn Hotel. My dad was so worried. So then he talked to the taxi guy. After that daddy took us to our room. When we got there my stepmom started to cry. Then my sister said something funny. She said, "Cryin'," and put her arms like she was saying, "I don't no." My stepmom laughed. Then my dad told some stories.

4.



After that we walked down to a restaurant for supper. Having supper made us feel a little less stressed out. When we came back we went to sleep.

In the morning dad and I went down by the office and ate breakfast. We had waffles. When we went back to our room, we took our leftover waffles. After that, we got our clothes on and went to get a rental car.

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